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APRIL MEETING

This month's meeting is held on Thursday, April 23rd, at 7 o'clock p.m. We are not sure of the name of the speaker at the meeting, but it will be a representative from the Utah Historical Society. The representative will be discussing what resources and material are available to the public, and specifically available to the Token Society members to help them with their research on ghost towns, tokens, coins, and much, much more.

We hope to see you all at the next meeting. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified.

SEE YOU THERE!!

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ANSWERS IN THIS
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

TOKENS AS AN INVESTMENT

Are tokens a good investment?

I have so much fun trying to find a new token for my collection that I hate to think of it as an investment. But, as I count up the amount of money I have put into my collection over the years, I have to look at it as an investment. Is it a good one?

In my two years of collecting trade tokens, I have watched the prices double on tokens from rare towns. It is inevitable that prices will go up as more collectors enter the field, or as the quality of the collector goes up. What I mean by that is as more doctor-lawyer types start collecting tokens. After all, there can not be that many collectors of territorial gold coins, yet the prices of territorial gold continues to go up. Lance Johnson tells the story of how two Montana collectors caused the prices of rare town tokens from that state reach the \$500 level.

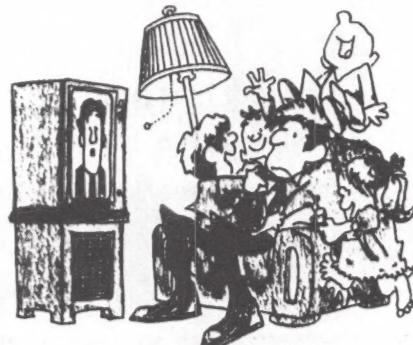
The future is not hard to see. It has happened many times before with other collectables. The truly rare items go up. Common items level out unless there is a lot of interest in them. For example; if a token showed up with O.P. Rockwell on it there could be a hundred of them and you would not have any problem selling every one. This is because the interest is there. If interest

subsides, prices may go down as they have with bottle collecting.

If I were going to invest in rare trade tokens, I would buy towns that nobody else had. I would pay whatever I needed to get them and I would plan to hold onto them for about ten years.

In the future, as prices go up, some will sell their collections because they cannot afford to keep up. Other collectors will sell or trade off parts of their collection and specialize in one or two areas. Some will give their collection away so that it might be displayed in some museum somewhere and then there will be no chance of another collector obtaining it.

-John Sroka



"It's ten o'clock. Do you know where your children are?"

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Legal Brief

A JUNK DEALER in a small town met an attorney on the street one day and, after greeting him, asked a business question. Later the dealer was startled to get a legal bill for \$25 in the mail. Not long after, the two met again. "Good morning," said the lawyer.

"Good morning," replied the junk dealer. Then he quickly added, "But I'm telling you, not asking you."

—Sam Stern in Boscobel, Wis., *Dial*, quoted by Debbie Adams in *Milwaukee Journal*

GLEN'S CORNER

By Glen Sidwell

SPRINGTIME FINDS

This is the time of year when our members are making some of their very best finds. The weather is perfect, the soil is moist and the garage sales are beginning. People are getting out and going after tokens.

Some of the best finds this month have been made by Bill turpela in the Tooele and Rush Valley areas. His finds include a Wasatch Store token from Sunnyside, Utah - good for one stick of powder. He found this token in Todd Park in Tooele County. In Sunshine, Utah, Bill located a token good for 50¢ and good at the bar on the obverse, unfortunately no town or name was on the token.

Bill's best find was an 1871-S seated half dollar in beautiful condition. He found this near the monument for Camp Relief in Rush Valley. So far this is one of the best coin finds made by a member this year.

While detecting a demolition area of 5th East and 19th South, Ivan Oakeson found several silver coins where some bushes had been torn out near the front porch of this old house.

Later on I worked the same area of this house and located seven silver dimes from 1907 to 1964, along with several other coins and a token from Brown Brother's, La Florde Fontella 5¢ Cigars from Detroit. A Gold Label Liquor Company token was located at an old house on 7th South also. This example

was struck in aluminum and is good for one drink of whiskey. My best find this month came from the vacant lot next to the North Temple viaduct. To my surprise, I located a token from the People's Saloon, 528 West 2nd South. This particular coin is good for 5¢ in trade.

Brian Moulton and I returned to this spot later on and dug several bottles and an old cast iron toy tow truck from this spot. I imagine other members are making some excellent finds this month also.

Happy hunting!



COIN - SHOW - NEWS

By George Wilson

I am pleased to announce that the sale of tables for our show has passed the 1/3 mark and we are well on our way to another successful show. Dealer applications have been coming in at an excellent rate and it looks like we will have a sell-out again this year.

We have placed listings in the Numismatist, Kruse Publications, Coin World, A.T.C.O. and the T.A.M.S. Journal. We will soon be sending publicity releases to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. But we also need the help of our members to "spread the word". Flyers will need to be distributed around the Salt Lake, Ogden, and Provo areas.

These flyers are our most important means of publicity and need to be placed in as many public places as possible. Flyers will be available at all of our meetings or from one of our officers up until the time of the show. So please take a few flyers and help make the public aware of our show.

This year, in conjunction with our show, we will be holding our June meeting at the Salt Lake Howard Johnson's on the 26th. We have reserved a meeting room and we will be asking you to help with the set-up for our show that evening. We will serve refreshments after.

- ANNOUNCEMENT! -

By George Wilson

I would like to take this opportunity to make this announcement.

In 1984 the governing board of our group began the task of establishing our society as a non-profit organization, under the laws of the state of Utah. The first step involved the writing of by-laws which would define the operation of our society.

Our by-laws were written by Edith Attebury and Bob Campbell. They were voted on and approved by our membership and took effect on January 1, 1985. The next step was to incorporate our organization.

By mid 1985, articles of incorporation had been drawn-up and submitted to the State.

But because of what seemed like constantly changing requirements,

we were forced to re-write and resubmit the incorporation papers several times. The last time was when I hand carried them to the office in late December of last year. And finally our perseverance has paid off.

As of January 1st, the National Utah Token Society of Utah has become a corporation! A copy of the articles will be printed in the token hunter when space permits. One change that is most note worthy is the creation of a board of trustees consisting of myself, Frank Sommers and Bob Campbell, who along with the governing board will be responsible for the operation of our society.

Hopefully within the next few months, we will be able to obtain tax-exempt status and the efforts of the past 3 years will result in our becoming a fully legal non-profit organization.

Our society has come a long way since 1982 and with everyone's help, we will go even further in the years to come.

FROM THE WAGONMASTERS

FISH SPRINGS

The end of the month is a special time for the NUTS as it features the club's first overnight trip. April 25 and 26 is the date of our outing to the old mining camp of Fish Springs, located in the western desert on the Tooele-Juab County line.

Departure time is 8:30 Saturday morning (April 25) at the Redwood Multi-purpose Center at 3100 South Redwood Road. Travel time to Fish Springs is about 2-2½ hours. The last 75 miles is over graded roads from Vernon, Utah. Bring your own food and water because the nearest human habitation is in Callao, 12 miles to the west. There is probably not even a store in Callao.

The first settlement in the Fish Springs range was on the northeast side where the Pony Express and Overland Stage located a station at Fish Springs. It was the only source of drinkable water between Dugway Station and Willow Springs (Callao). Later in the 19th century, silver mines were discovered on the northwest side of the range near Boyds Station where the Overland Stage route split with one branch continuing west to the Humbolt River and San Francisco, and the other range going to Southern Nevada.

B.S. Butler in the 1920 edition of "Ore Deposits of Utah", (USGS P.P. 111), has the following to say about the district:

The Fish Springs district is in Juab County at the north end of the Fish Springs Range, which is the northern extension of the House Range, from which it is separated by a low pass. The nearest railroad point prior to 1917 was Oasis, on the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad, about 60 miles in a direct line from Fish Springs and about 70 miles by the freighters' road. Gold Hill is now the nearest railroad point.

RAFFLE!

Below is a list of items that will be raffled off at our next meeting in addition to the door prize. You get the door prize

SEE YOU THERE ! !

DOOR PRIZE - "Z" Token - Park City

Clifton's Market, Hurricane, UT
worth \$1 in trade

H & M #3 Store - Ogden, UT

Mills Novelty

S & L Cigar Store
worth 12½¢ in trade

1 ounce of silver



The range contains little timber suitable for either fuel or building. Lumber for buildings and the little required for the mines must be hauled from the railroad or from adjacent ranges, and the cost is high. Gasoline is generally used for power.

The water supply of the camp is obtained from the lowest level of the Utah mine, at a depth slightly below 800 feet.

On the flat at the north end of the range several hot springs, some of which have a temperature above 100° F., furnish a considerable flow of rather highly mineralized water. Fish Springs, near the Thomas ranch, at the eastern base of the range, has a considerable flow of water of fair quality. Good drinking water is obtainable from the artesian wells at Callao.

Farm supplies are obtained from the ranches in Snake and Fish Springs Valleys and from Deseret.

The cost of freighting ore from the camp to Oasis is about \$12 per ton. Eight-horse teams are able to haul about 15,000 pounds when the roads are in good condition. Twelve to fourteen days are commonly required for the round trip. The total cost of freight from the mines to the smelters is about \$15 per ton for ore valued at less than \$100 per ton.

The Fish Springs district was organized March 20, 1891. CC Van Alstine is reported to have discovered the first mineralized float, which led to the discovery of the Utah and Galena mines in 1890, which later became the principal producers of the district. From its discovery to 1914 the Utah mine has made regular shipments, which, for the full productive period, have averaged 48 cents per ton in gold, 128.35 ounces per ton of silver, and 44.04 per cent lead, a gross average value of \$121.58 per ton. The mine has produced 12,997 dry tons of ore containing \$6,227 in gold, 1,668,205 ounces of silver, 11,447,930 pounds of lead, valued, at each year's commercial prices at \$1,580,186. The dividends paid are reported to total \$283,726. From 1891 to December, 1897, the dividends of the company amounted to \$152,000, indicating a profit on the ore shipped of \$45 per ton and a total cost per ton, including freight and sampling charges, of \$76 per ton.

The Galena property adjoins the Utah on the west and is second in importance of production. It is reported to have yielded about 3,000 tons of ore, beginning in 1891, and

shipping irregularly for the past ten years. The gross value of the ore produced was about \$330,000, out of which \$80,000 is said to have been returned in dividends.

The Emma claim was the next largest producer. Other producers are the Vulcan, Utah no. 2, Cactus, Spanish, Ada, Wild Cat, Early Harvest, and Last Chance claims.

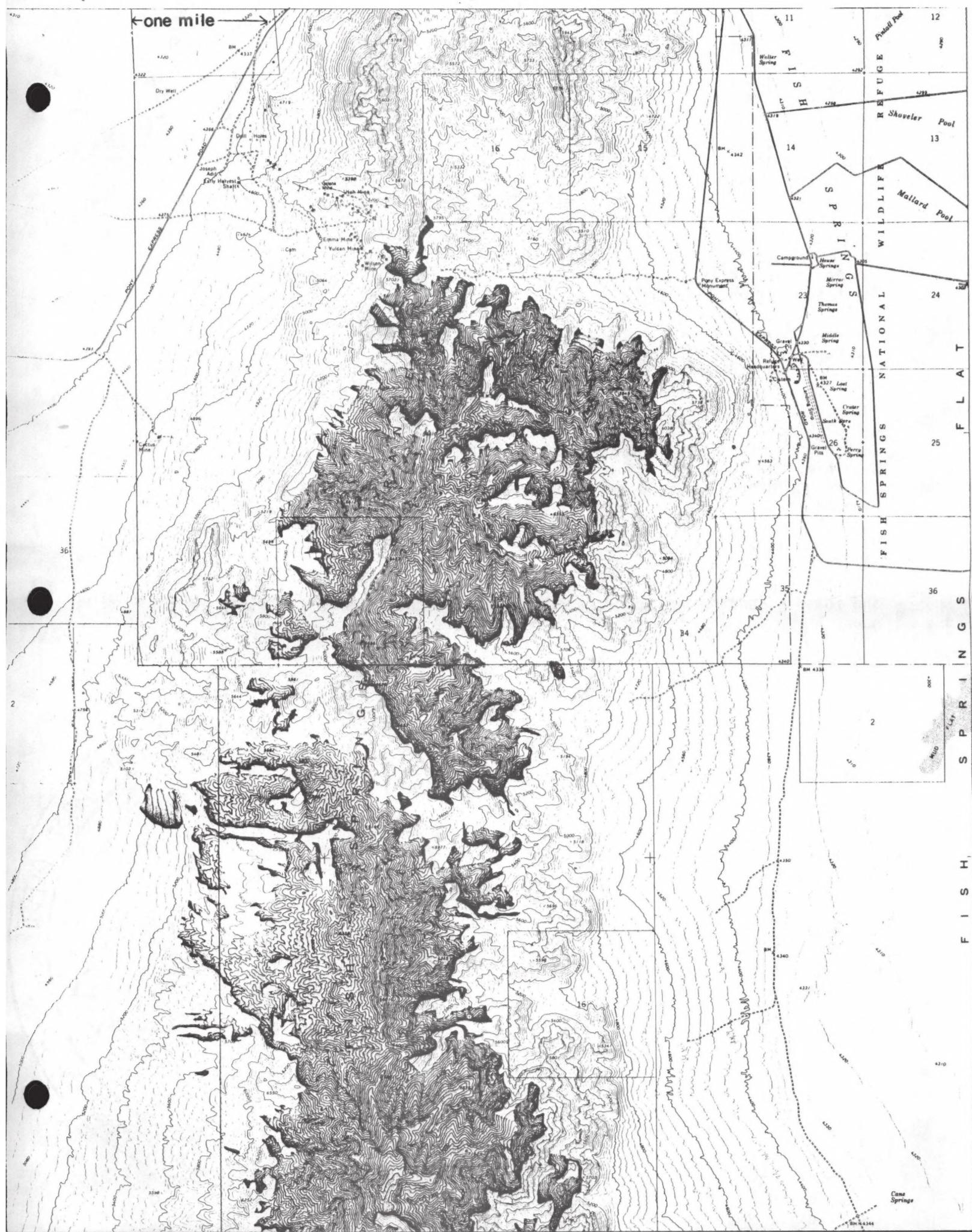
All the ore deposits of the district are replacements of limestone, and all thus far developed are associated with the east-west fissuring. All of them are lead-silver ores, in which the silver content is uniformly high and the gold content low. In 1918 a mill was built for the treatment of low grade ores of the district.

A full copy of the article will be available on the trip.

For those not staying the full two days, one Wagonmaster will be traveling back Saturday night either via Gold Hill or via the Dugway Mining District.

We hope to see you all at the DIG!!





NEWS FROM LAST MONTH

By Robin Sidwell

The NUTS meeting on March 26, brought in a large crowd. Thirty people came to hear Mr. David Freed speak.

Mr. Freed is well known by most token collectors, and admired by all. He is considered to be one of the most knowledgeable in this area and known for his excellent collection. Those of you who took the opportunity at the ANA Convention last year saw the best collection of Utah State tokens known.

There were many questions from members-all of which Mr. Freed responded to. He brought several interesting pieces with him, and told a bit of history regarding them. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

Mr. Freed is a member of NUTS and continues to be an active collector. We thank him for speaking with us and for his continuing support of the hobby.

1987 Medal

Some excellent designs were submitted for the 1987 NUTS Medal, and they were voted on by members present at the meeting. All were very well done. Glen Sidwell's design was the chosen design.

The design features the Wasatch Store Company building in Winter Quarters, Utah. The slogan is, "Trade Tokens. Bringing Utah's Proud Past Alive".

The medal is scheduled to begin production soon. As in past years, NUTS must have 150 pre-paid orders prior to producing the medals - this is to cover the expenses. Anyone interested in obtaining the 1987 medal may complete the order blank in the Token Hunter and mail it in, or bring it to the next club meeting.

The NUTS medal of past years have been beautiful, as I am sure the 1987 medal will also be. Only a limited number of these are cast each year. The mold is then altered so no more can be cast. To ensure that you get

a medal this year, place your pre-paid order now.

Guests at the March meeting included;

Jed Hall
Tracy Canard

We are always glad to have visitors, please come again.

Winners of the raffle and door prizes are:

Darryl Banks	- Amusement token
Bill Turpela	- Mills Novelty
Karen Loyd	- "Z" Park City
Christrina Turpela	- Wasatch Store
Karen Loyd	- Hooper Amusement Co.
Jack Janssen	- The gold!!

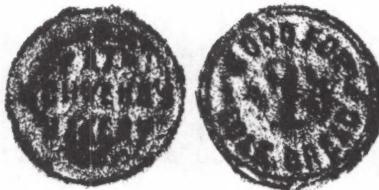
Door prize winners are:

Dave Freed
Karen Loyd
Bill Turpela
Thomas Loader
Jack Janssen





MAVERICKS



This month's Maverick is a Schwenk's Bakery token. It is good for one loaf of bread. It is not known where it originated from. If you have any information on this token, please call Ross Seely at 262-2165.

COLLECTOR'S

This month's collectors are Don & Deb Sorenson. They are recent members and are also fairly new at token collecting.

Don's interest in tokens began a few years ago when he was doing some deep sea diving off of Lake Washington. Don is a commercial deep sea diver and at the time of this story, he was in diving school. He and another diver were doing some practice dives and were doing a bottom search. A bottom search means looking for stuff along the bottom of a body of water. They came upon a pile of what appeared to be a pile of coins. As they got closer he noticed that they were not US coins, so they thought that they must be foreign coins. They took about 100 of them to the surface, leaving approximately 70 lbs in on the bottom of the lake in the pouch that they found them in.

Don and his fellow diver started looking around coin shops and asking what they were, and what was their worth.

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Welcome

We would like to welcome several new members to the NUTS. Welcome Larry Hall of Morgan, Darryl Banks of Kearns, John Nutting of Las Vegas, and Kirk David Rhodes of Tooele. We are glad to have you aboard and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and at the dig.

(COLLECTOR'S CONT.)

One person said that they were not worth more than \$20 for all of the 70 lbs. Some people said they were not worth anything. Around February 1984 they met a coin and token dealer who said that he would buy all that they could give him. So Don and the other diver went down to the bottom of Lake Washington and got the remaining tokens.

Don was able to sell most of the tokens and put himself through the remainder of diving school. He received about \$2,000 dollars for all the tokens except for about 200 that he kept for himself. He kept tokens that had unique appearance or neat names. One of the tokens that he kept was from Kodiak, Alaska. Most of the tokens were from the Seattle, Idaho, and Alaska area.

Unfortunately, several of these tokens that Don kept were later stolen, but he still has quite a few.

Don & Deb also enjoy collecting coins, comics and rocks.



The picture above is showing the tokens after they have been taken from the water. You can see a handful taken from the pouch.

The tokens below say (from left to right), Butch's 211, Union Street, good for 5 in trade; Carpenter's local 2162, US Naval Air Base, Kodiak, Alaska, Club Cafe, Portland, Oregon; and "T" good for 5¢ in trade.



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1987 DIGS!

The following is a calendar of events for the next six months that the Wagonmasters talked about on the previous page. Be sure to put this page somewhere you will be sure to see it, or put these dates on your own calendar. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT DIG!

April 25, 26 - Fish Springs
 May 23, 24, 25 - Frisco
 June 13, 14 - Eureka
 June 27, 28 - Token Show

July 24, 25, 26 - Kimberly
 August 15, 16 - Rush Valley
 August 20 - Club Picnic
 Sept. 5, 6, 7 - Joy

April 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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FISH SPRINGS						
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May 1987

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August 1987

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June 1987

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EUREKA						
28	29	30				

September 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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JOY						
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27	28	29	30			

ENROLL NOW!

IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN TO PAY YEARLY DUES!!!!!!

We would like to know more about you and your interests. Please take a few minutes to complete the questions below when you fill out the enrollment form. This survey will be used to determine future club activities.

All individual comments are confidential. Personal reference will only be made if you grant us permission. Please be as accurate as possible in responding to each of these questions. Also, please feel free to extend any comments or suggestions that may help the club, a product line, or the hobby in general.

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6. What is the oldest coin you have found? _____

7. What is the deepest coin you have found? _____

8. What is the most valuable coin you have found? _____

9. Do you prefer to hunt alone? with a friend? or group? _____

10. Do you relic hunt? _____ If not, would you like to? _____

11. Do you do any prospecting? _____ If no, would you like to? _____

12. What percentage of your coins are pre-1940? _____

13. What percentage of your coins are pre-1910? _____

14. Have you ever asked a total stranger if you could metal detect in their yard? _____ Results? _____

15. Are you satisfied with your present efforts or would you like to work more productive areas, or areas with old-coin potential even if it meant a short trip? _____

16. How many days per week or month do you get out during the summer? _____ days per _____

17. How many hours do you spend detecting per week? _____

18. How many hours do you spend reading treasure hunting magazines or books per week? _____

19. How many hours do you spend doing research on treasure hunting each week/month? _____
20. What make/model detector(s) do you have now? _____
And which one do you use the most? _____
21. What makes/models would you NOT recommend and why? _____
22. What makes/models are you the most interested in? _____
23. Which feature(s) do you feel are not necessary on todays' metal detectors? _____
Why? _____
24. Which features or ideas would you suggest a manufacturer should consider adding? _____
25. What prospecting equipment do you have? _____
26. How many times a year do you go panning or dredging? _____
27. Would you like a club to offer more exciting outings? _____
28. Would you be interested in working on a club committee to do research and site evaluation? _____
29. What topic do you want to have covered in a meeting presentation? _____

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YEARLY DUES

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THE - 1987 - MEDAL

The third annual Salt Lake City Coin and Token Show Commemorative Medal is now available at the special pre-show price of only \$3.60. The 1986 medal sold rapidly and have become sought after collector pieces. As only a limited number of the 1987 Medals will be minted, it is suggested that you order now to ensure obtaining one. Any remaining medals will be available for sale at the show, but at a higher price. Take advantage of this opportunity and order you 1987 Medal today at this special pre-show price.

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 **CLUES!**

CLUES FOR CLUES

As to date, no one has found the hidden treasure. So, below is a list of answers. They are not in order. However, we will not give you the answers to #8 and #10. For new members, you have not been furnished with the list of clues. They will be furnished at the next meeting in their entirety. Also at the next meeting, Bob Campbell will give all the answers to the clues except one or two. But, you must be present to hear the answers. If you do not make it to the meeting, they will be published in next month's edition of "The Token Hunter", but the treasure may be found by then. **GOOD LUCK!!**

1. Northwest	5. Warehouse
2. Feet	6. Six
3. South	7. Pole
4. East	8. Utility

The key to one of the clues is that it is a seven digit number that we use in our day to day lives.